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SUBJ: AFTERNOON JOURNAL "EL TIEMPO" DIES -- OR DOES IT?

1. AFTERNOON DAILY "EL TIEMPO" PUBLISHED ITS "LAST" EDITION AUGUST 21. NEWSPAPER WAS ATTEMPT BY PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY ROBERTO GIRON LEMUS, WHO CONTROLS MORNING PAPER "LA NACION", AND GROUP OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATES (REPORTEDLY INCLUDING MINFINANCE LAMPORT AND MINAG RUBIO) TO COMPETE AGAINST OPPOSTIION-ORIENTED AFTERNOON JOURNAL "LA TARDE", OWNED BY HIGHLY RESPECTED JORGE CARPIO NICOLLE, BROTHER OF DCG CONGRESSMAN ROBERTO CARPIO NICOLLE. PAPER WAS ALSO TO PROMOTE 1978 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF MINAG GENERAL DAVID RUBIO.

2. INEXPLICABLY, DESPITE TIES THROUGH LEMUS TO GOG AND TO BUSINESS COMMUNITY "TIEMPO" ATTRACTED ALMOST NO ADVERTISING, NOT EVEN GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS, AND CONSEQUENTLY WAS LOSING MONEY.

3. DESPITE THIS, HOWEVER, USIS WAS TOLD BY EDITOR OF "NACION" THAT "TIEMPO" WENT OUT OF BUSINESS NOT FOR FINANCIAL REASONS BUT TO DESTROY STRONG JOURNALISTS UNION AND THAT "TIEMPO" WILL BE RESURRECTED UNDER DIFFERENT NAME WITH NEW EMPLOYEES AT UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE. EDITOR SAYS HE LEARNED THIS WHEN HE TRIED TO BUY SOME OF TIEMPO'S EQUIPMENT AND WAS

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